

## **Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

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### ***Searching faithfully for excellence***

#### **RE Inspection**

On Wednesday this week we were visited by two inspectors for our RE Inspection. While the outcomes of the inspection are not yet published we are very happy to report that the inspectors thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were overwhelmed by the welcome they received from the whole school family at Our Lady and St. Joseph's School. The children demonstrated exemplary behaviour and shared with the inspectors the very clear ways in which they live out our school values. You should be very proud of all your children and we certainly are. We will share the report with parents and carers as soon as it is published and each class will plan a reward next week.

#### **Sports Day**

Sports Day for Y1 to Y6 is the morning of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and for FS is the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Children should wear PE shorts and trainers and a teeshirt in their House colour. These will be listed on the classroom door if you are unsure what colour your child should wear. Children should also have a hat/cap, water bottle and suncream on for this event.

#### **National School Sports Week**

Next week is National School Sports Week and there will be a number of extra sporting activities taking place during the week including Commonwealth Games activities on the KS2 playground at lunchtime and other class based sports. F1 children will start the week off with a day of sporting activities on Monday. **Children can choose to come to school in PE kit all week.**

#### **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Tennis. Group 2 registered children

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Y3 Games Club

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Gardening Foundation Stage

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - KS2 Athletics. Registered children only

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Y5/6 to Sheffield for Geography Fieldwork

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Y5 to SPX for Evacuation Day

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – KS1 Cricket

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – VEX

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 Games Club

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Race for Life

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Y6 Residential

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Own clothes day in exchange for chocolate donations

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair after school

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Y5 to SPX Sports **then onto swimming at the usual time.**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day Y1-Y6 am FS pm – parents/carers welcome

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers' Mass 2pm including the Passing on of the Candle. Y5/6 parents/carers welcome

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers' Assembly am. Y6 parents/carers welcome

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – picnic lunch

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Changeover Days

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – school closes at 2pm for summer break

#### **Stay Safe Speak Out**

## **NSPCC**

Over the next two weeks, all children will take part in the NSPCC Stay Safe Speak Out programme. Click on the link below to find out more about the programme.

[NSPCC Keeping Children Safe](#)

## **Every child has the right to be safe**

Find out how our Speak out Stay safe programme helps children at school and at home learn about their rights, what's OK and not OK, and what to do if they're ever worried or scared.

### **Catholic Life of the School**

This half term we will be focussing on our value of Respect. All children will spend one week looking at an aspect of Islam. Our final RE topic of the year will be based on the work of CAFOD and Catholic Social Teaching. **Our Faith in Action group will be running a number of initiatives during Refugee Week which is the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

***Jesus, friend and brother,***

***You know how it feels to leave your home and family,***

***To carry nothing with you, to travel as a stranger.***

***Help all refugees far from home, driven out by war and hunger.***

***Lead them safely on.***

***They are our sisters and brothers.***

***Inspire us to show our love and a true welcome.***

***Amen.***

### **Uniform**

In preparation for September, we have sent parents/carers a letter regarding uniform including some adjustments for the new year. Please read this before purchasing new uniform, PE kit or footwear for September.



This will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June and all classes will take part. Children should come to school in PE kit on this day and there will be collection buckets on each gate for anyone wishing to donate to this very important charity.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Congratulations to Year 6 this week who have achieved 99% Attendance!

Whole School Attendance this week: 94%

Target: 96%

Remember that the gates are open between 8:30 and 8:45 am and children should arrive between these times.

### **Foodbank Friday**

Many thanks for your continued generosity towards this charity – it is very much appreciated. This will continue throughout this half term.

### **Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair will be after school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a range of stalls and events. If any parents/carers are able to volunteer to help with this event, either at the event itself or with the setting up in the afternoon, we would be very grateful. Please let the office know. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July we will have Own Clothes Day in return for chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola. There will be a cake stall if anyone could donate towards this. Individual classes may also ask for donations for their various enterprises. **Please note that on the day, all children attending the fair will need to be accompanied by an adult.**

### **COVID update**

Updated guidance:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

### Jess Cup

Congratulations to Rosie Gillespie who was last week's winner of the Jess Cup. Well done!



### A message from the dentist:

Please remember to take your child to the dentist regularly. NHS dental care is free for children. All children aged 3-16 can have fluoride varnish painted on their teeth by the dentist at least twice a year, to help strengthen their teeth and prevent tooth decay. If you do not have a family dentist, you can find your nearest NHS dentists at: <https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3>

### Holiday Club

Direct Action Training will again be running a Holiday Club at our school during the first half of the summer holiday. Look out for further details following.



### Football Success

Congratulations to our girls' football team who came second in the JMAT school football league. We are very proud of each of them, for their exemplary behaviour and sporting performances on the night. They certainly were searching faithfully for excellence.



**We have two confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school.** The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever: see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible and stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection. **Here is the link to the NHS website if your child does present with symptoms.** [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/)

### Plastic Toys Wanted

Members of the School Eco council are organising a recycle and resell plastic toy stall for our School Summer Fair.

**They would like your child to bring in any old but not broken plastic toys to school on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

They would like to spend the money raised on buying plants and flowers to





Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

**Wednesday  
6th of July  
3:30pm-4:30pm**

**C'MON MAKE A NOISE**

JOIN OUR TEAM AND CREATE YOUR OWN YU-YU-ZELAS, RATTLES, CLACKERS AND WHISTLES!

**Monday  
11th of July  
3:30pm-4:30pm**

**BLOW FOOTBALL**

DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN FOOTBALL PITCH GRAB A STRAW AND PLAY!

**Thursday  
21st of July  
10:30am-11:30am**

**ON MI 'ED SON**

MAKE A CONE AND POM-POMS FOR THIS CRAZY CATCHING GAME!

**Saturday  
23rd of July  
10:30am-11:30am**

**TRENCH FOOTBALL**

DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN MAZE AND GUIDE YOUR BALL TO GLORY!

**Friday  
29th of July  
10:30am-11:30am**

**WHICH KIT?**

CAN YOU GUESS THE OTHER PLAYER'S TEAM WITH THIS FUN TABLETOP GAME?

**Wath Library & Neighbourhood Hub Euro Events**

**FREE**

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